



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES
SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE**

Public Meeting
Wednesday, March 15, 2006
City Hall Kiva Conference Room
3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd.
Scottsdale AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Subcommittee meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Subcommittee: Councilman Robert Littlefield, Chairman
Councilmember Betty Drake
Vice Mayor Ron McCullagh

Staff: Ed Gawf, Neal Shearer, Teri Traaen, Craig Clifford, Art Rullo, Brent Stockwell, John Little, Michele Korf, Pat Dodds, Joyce Gilbride, Judy ?,

Also Present: Cultural Council representatives Frank Jacobson, Jim Green, and Jeff Beard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 6, 2006 MEETINGS

Vice Mayor McCullagh moved for approval of the February 28 and March 6, 2006 Budget Subcommittee Minutes. Councilmember Drake seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. FY 2006/07 Budget Development. Staff updates, discussion and feedback to staff

Frank Jacobson summarized the FY 2006/07 budget requests of the Scottsdale Cultural Council. One-time costs for safety and security needs, and for assessments of the collection and of public opinions total \$234,175. On-going costs to be considered for support of Theater 4301 and to preserve museum collections total \$303,757.

Subcommittee discussion and feedback included their desire for the Cultural Council to include all budget needs in their annual budget, rather than requesting additional funding each year. The Cultural Council was encouraged to sell much of the collection of Municipal Art to free up valuable storage space. The Subcommittee observed that these additional requests amounted to an 8% increase over the regular budget, plus the 3% yearly increase included in the City's contract with the Cultural Council. Staff noted that the City's contract with the Cultural Council requires the City to maintain the facilities, but is not clear when it comes to who is responsible

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for replacement of facility items, such as rigging which is one of the one-time budget requests for next fiscal year.

At the request of the Subcommittee, Mr. Jacobson will submit copies of the strategy plan for Theater 4301, and will also supply the Subcommittee with a scope of the proposed community cultural survey.

Mr. Gawf will follow up with the Galleria developer on the delinquent \$430,000 requirement for public art. Subcommittee members expressed a preference for this money to be placed in the public art coffers, though the ordinance provides other options.

Members of the Subcommittee were hesitant to make recommendations on the Cultural Council's budget requests, but will weigh these requests after hearing more about the entire city budget. Staff pointed out this type of request is considered a policy decision, and therefore presented early in the budget process for consideration.

John Little reviewed this fiscal year's expenses for the Downtown Marketing Plan from the \$228,200 budget (from General Fund plus EMSD carry-over from 04/05) approved by the City Council for one year only. A proposed budget for 2006/07 was provided by a group of downtown merchants. Mr. Little said staff is seeking direction from the Subcommittee on what role the City should play in downtown marketing, if any. A suggestion was made to request downtown businesses to contribute to the budget, with the City providing matching funds. Another suggestion was to sell sponsor ads for the downtown map. Discussions were also held regarding transitions taking place in downtown, and the possibility of continuing funding until transitions were complete. It was agreed that downtown needed to be weaned off City funding. At the request of the Subcommittee, Mr. Little will put together a budget for Downtown Marketing containing items he feels will contribute to the success of the downtown merchants.

Art Rullo reviewed proposed new staff positions for FY 2006/07. Of the eighty-two proposed city-wide positions, sixty-two would be funded through the General Fund. Increases in community facilities, public safety enhancements, citizen services, and internal service demands, are responsible for the proposed positions. Further detail and explanation of each position will come from the individual departments during that phase of the budget process. Subcommittee members requested more information on three proposed positions in the Planning Department to accommodate eleven complex projects.

Teri Traaen discussed requirements of the Department of Labor and the necessity to convert twenty-eight contract workers to full-time employees. She further explained that several contract positions will end by June 3, 2006. These actions will offset each other and have virtually no impact on the budget.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

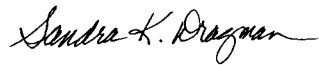
No future Budget Subcommittee meetings have been scheduled at this time, but will be held as discussion materials become available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra K. Dragman".

Sandy Dragman
Recording Secretary

Officially approved by the Budget Subcommittee on _____